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News Headline: EPA FACES UNCLEAR SUPERFUND LIABILITY FOR COLORADO MINE WASTEWATER SPILL |

Outlet Full Name: Inside EPA

News Text: EPA is facing a lawsuit from at least one tribe as well as potential legal action by states after an agency cleanup crew caused the release of about 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater during work at a contaminated mine site in Colorado, but it is unclear whether EPA can be held liable for the spill under the waste law.

Attorneys familiar with cleanup law say that EPA will likely be sued for both natural resource damages and response damages under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as the Superfund law, which would address both environmental harms from the spill and the cost of addressing drinking water contamination and other short-term issues respectively.

But the attorneys say that since CERCLA includes broad protections against liability for EPA when it performs a site cleanup, such suits face uncertain prospects -- and the litigation could set an important precedent on the issue.

Depending on the section of CERCLA the plaintiffs invoke, they might be required to show that EPA's conduct was either tantamount to that of a facility operator rather than a cleanup crew, or that it was provably negligent.

"I am not aware of a case as egregious as this, but I don't know if EPA was negligent. We don't know enough about the facts of the case to know if they did something stupid, or if it was that they were stuck with a mine that was a ticking time bomb. . . . I wouldn't close the door on it, certainly," says a Colorado environmentalist attorney.

Navajo Nation president Russell Begaye is already vowing that his government "will hold EPA accountable" for the Aug. 5 wastewater spill from Colorado's Gold King Mine into Colorado, New Mexico and Navajo waters.

State officials have not yet publicly said what legal measures they will take in

response to the release, but they could potentially also pursue litigation. The spill was caused by an EPA team "working to investigate and address contamination" at the site, according to an EPA statement posted to its website Aug. 9.

"I have instructed Navajo Nation Department of Justice to take immediate action against the EPA to the fullest extent of the law to protect Navajo families and resources," Begaye said in an Aug. 9 statement.

According to EPA's statement on the spill, the agency's cleanup team inadvertently caused the release of pent-up wastewater that had been held in the mine by "unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal," but exactly how the incident began has not yet been determined.

CERCLA section 119 exempts cleanup crews, including contractors and government employees, from most liability for releases that come as a result of cleanup efforts in order to avoid discouraging site cleanups.

But courts have allowed suits under that section when the workers' actions amount to a "new release" rather than a cleanup of existing contamination, an industry attorney who focuses on environmental law told Inside EPA.

"There's some 9th Circuit case law and one or two district court provisions that construe the immunity provision and suggest that cleanup crews can be considered 'operators' in that situation," the attorney says.

Under that provision, the attorney continues, "I think EPA or EPA's contractor has some very serious liability concerns here" as a result of the spill.

In addition, section 107, which covers government agencies' immunity from litigation as institutions, says the agency can be sued in situations where it acts negligently, which could also cover the Gold King Mine spill.

Key to that consideration could be how closely the workers at the mine followed government reference documents, such as the National Contingency Plan (NCP), which sets out procedures for EPA and other agencies to deal with environmental contamination. Section 107 says agencies are protected from liability when they act in accordance with the NCP but not when they are negligent -- but does not specifically say that an agency that follows the NCP cannot be considered negligent.

The industry attorney says that since the NCP is a general document rather than a step-by-step guide to dealing with specific kinds of cleanup efforts, it is unclear how effective it would be as a defense.

"I'm not sure a contractor's argument that they followed the NCP, in itself, would be an absolute defense to a negligence argument," the attorney says.

In addition to the Navajo Nation's promised legal action, both attorneys say it is at least possible that Colorado and New Mexico, the two states that have seen environmental impacts from the spill so far, could also bring suit against the agency for environmental and other damages.

But the environmentalist attorney says that even though both states have historically been aggressive in taking action against federal sites under CERCLA, they might be hesitant to sue EPA directly.

"Even though this is a federal actor, it's a federal actor who gives the states money to run their environmental programs. If it were the Army or [the Department of Energy (DOE)], maybe, but they're used to having EPA more or less on the same side. They would not be in the same category as a federal polluter," the attorney says.

State regulators could also be wary of discouraging EPA from using federal resources to investigate and clean up disused mines for fear of legal action.

"I don't think the state would want to discourage EPA from taking over mining sites in the future. It doesn't seem like a good policy perspective to me, regardless of the law." -- David LaRoss

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News Headline: EPA'S COLORADO SPILL COULD BOOST PUSH FOR BROAD MINING POLICY REVISIONS |

Outlet Full Name: Inside EPA

News Text: EPA's accidental release of 3 million gallons of contaminated mine wastewater from a Colorado mine during a cleanup operation could boost a push for broad revisions to federal mining policies including calls for EPA Superfund financial assurance rules for mining and changes to Good Samaritan law, environmentalists say.

The Aug. 5 spill of wastewater containing several heavy metals has already prompted legal threats which could, if pursued, result in a precedent-setting court ruling on whether EPA is liable for the spill under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as the Superfund law. Attorneys say that CERCLA includes broad protections against liability for EPA when it performs a site cleanup.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy in an Aug. 12 statement said as a result of the spill she has ordered all agency regional offices to "immediately cease" all field investigations at mining sites unless imminent risk is present until the agency can assess the root causes of the spill at the Gold King Mine in Colorado. The spill was the result of an accidental release triggered by an EPA cleanup team's work at the

mine, located in the state's San Juan County.

The release has flowed into the Animas River through southwestern Colorado into New Mexico and the Navajo Nation, triggering states of emergency in both states and a threat of legal action from the Navajo Nation.

It has triggered high-level attention, with daily press briefings from three EPA regional administrators and an Aug. 12 visit to Colorado and New Mexico by McCarthy to inspect response efforts, including water quality sampling and validation of water quality data. Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment on Aug. 12 told the city of Durango, CO, that drinking water treatment facilities can begin to use the Animas River to collect and treat water for customers, and said that regarding private water systems, not all wells are affected by the spill.

McCarthy in her Aug. 12 statement said, "We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the results of that study, she said, "we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites."

Further, she has told regions to identify sites similar to the Gold King Mine, "and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions" while it plans its cleanup work at the mine.

EPA's eventual short- and long-term cleanup strategies could also set a precedent for responding to future, similar spills -- but the accident is also prompting renewed calls for other mining policy reforms.

Environmentalists point to the spill as highlighting the need for regulatory or legislative measures affecting mine cleanups in order to better protect against adverse environmental impacts.

For instance, a spokeswoman for Earthworks, an environmental group that has sued EPA for failing to issue bond rules under CERCLA for the mining sector, says the spill "highlights the need for CERCLA financial assurance regulations" as it underscores "the severity of environmental impacts that can occur if a mine site is allowed to fester because financial assurance isn't available or adequate for cleanup." She says this is particularly the case for mines with long-lasting water treatment requirements from acid mine drainage.

Earthworks is one of several environmental groups that sued EPA arguing the agency is long past due in developing CERCLA financial assurance rules to require owners of hazardous waste facilities to prove they have sufficient funds to pay for cleanup, accidental releases and post-closure care should any of those measures be needed.

The petitioners are working to reach agreement with EPA on a schedule for the

agency's issuance of such rules governing the hardrock mining industry after a federal appellate court ruled in May that EPA should update and expedite its schedule for issuing the rules and submit a joint plan with the petitioners to the court. EPA in recent months has said it plans to issue a draft version of the hardrock mining rules next August.

Environmentalists say the mine spill also should prompt reforms to outdated mining laws. While the spill "is tragic," Earthworks' Pete Dronkers says in an Aug. 11 blog post on the group's website, "the focus should be less on the crew that accidentally triggered the release, and more on the broader story of entire regions throughout the country, facing immense cleanup challenges from mines of the past."

He says given the tens of thousands of abandoned mines and inactive mines that leak -- impacting water quality -- now is the time to urge "elected officials and regulators to create the framework needed to address the broader problems." Specifically, the 1872 mining law does not require companies to pay any royalty payments to the federal government, and allows new mega-mines to be built with perpetual mine drainage, he says.

Reforming the law is overdue, he says. "By placing a federal prohibition on new mines that we know will pollute forever we will make sure that no mine gets built that can't clean up after itself. And by making mining companies help pay to correct past mistakes, we can make sure agencies and citizen groups have the money they need to do remediation projects properly and holistically, not pinching pennies and cutting corners because of federal budget cuts," he adds.

While mining reform legislation has been introduced in recent years, Democratic and Republican lawmakers have differed over key details, particularly over first-time royalty fees to pay for an abandoned mine cleanup fund.

The spill also underscores the need to revisit Good Samaritan legislation, says a source with the San Juan Citizens Alliance, which has long advocated for addressing acid mine drainage along the Animas River.

While EPA has sought to promote "Good Samaritan" cleanups of mine sites through guidance aimed at reducing Clean Water Act (CWA) liability for innocent groups that voluntarily clean up abandoned hardrock mines, some groups have advocated for additional liability protections under the law to prompt such cleanups.

Voluntary parties -- known as Good Samaritans -- have been reluctant to clean up abandoned mines because of concerns that courts will hold them liable under CERCLA and the CWA for remaining contamination. Legislation attempting such changes has not passed, however. Environmental groups have not universally embraced Good Samaritan legislation, fearing it will give mining companies unanticipated loopholes to exploit, the citizens' alliance source says.

EPA estimates there are about 500,000 abandoned mines, which could cost more than \$35 billion to clean up. Historic mines have polluted the headwaters of 40 percent of the watersheds in the West.

The spill also underscores that stakeholders in downstream communities across a watershed -- not just those closest to a mining site -- should be given weight by EPA when considering stakeholder input into a cleanup, the source says. The Silverton, CO, community -- surrounding the mine -- had resisted a Superfund listing designation for the site, the source says, but notes that community was the least affected by the spill compared to downstream communities. The site is not listed on Superfund's National Priorities List, but rather was part of an EPA response action.

Meanwhile, top lawmakers on the Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW) Committee indicated this week they are closely monitoring EPA's cleanup of the Animas River spill, with EPW Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK) saying in a statement he will work within his committee "to ensure the EPA is held accountable to this grave incident."

EPW ranking member Barbara Boxer (D-CA) in an Aug. 11 letter to McCarthy called on EPA to ensure timely information be provided to communities on the spill and urged the agency "to take steps to ensure that a similar incident does not happen in the future," as well as asking EPA to brief her office. The letter is available on InsideEPA.com. See page 2 for details. (Doc. ID: 183937)

In the House, Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) on Aug. 12 announced his plan to visit Lake Powell, a reservoir on the Colorado River on the border of Utah and Arizona.

"EPA's grave blunder is posing a serious threat to both the environment and the economy in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. Lands and projects managed by the Department of the Interior and Forest Service - not to mention the tribal concerns -- within my Committee's jurisdiction will be seriously and negatively impacted. In the coming weeks and months, the Committee will be conducting extensive oversight over the causes and the short-term and long-term effects of this serious situation," Bishop said. -- Suzanne Yohannan

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